FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

United States
Department of
Agriculture

Agricultural Marketing Service

DATE: January 22, 2003

PURCHASE AND OFFER TO BUY: FROZEN COOKED DICED CHICKEN; PURCHASES

NEARING END

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today purchased 480,000 pounds of frozen cooked diced chicken at a cost of approximately \$839,000 for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Details of today's purchase follow:

Product	Pounds	Award Prices	No. of Bids
	Accepted	Inv. No. 13	Accepted
diced chicken	480,000	\$1.7400-\$1.7550	1 of 2

It was also announced that the purchase program for frozen cooked diced chicken is nearing completion.

A portion of diced chicken purchases will continue to be restricted to light fowl (4.5 pounds or less) only by destination. These destinations will be noted on the invitation.

Next offers under Announcement PY-264 are due by 12 noon, Central Time, on the following date:

Inv. Number	Product Type	Offer Date	Acceptance Not Later Than Date	Delivery Period
14	diced chicken *Certain destinations to be produced from light fowl only*		Feb. 7	March 16-31

Total purchases of frozen cooked diced chicken since the program was announced June 20, 2002, follow:

Product	Cumulative Pounds	Cumulative Dollars
diced chicken	8,000,000	\$14,237,000
<pre>diced chicken** **Produced from light fo</pre>	4,240,000 bwl**	\$ 7,614,000

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

The awards for frozen cooked diced chicken made today under Announcement PY-264, Invitation 13, to be delivered from March 1 to March 15, follow:

ANNOUNCEMENT : PY264

COMM GROUP : CHICKEN, FROZEN

INVITATION : 013

COMMODITY TYPE : CHICKEN, DICED, FROZEN

PACK SIZE : 40 LB CTN

CONTRACTOR NAME: TONY DOWNS FOODS CO. PLANT ADDRESS : MADELIA MN

ITEM NUM	DESTINATION- CITY	ST	QUANTITY (LBS)	ICE PER LB)	
002	PORT NEWARK	NJ	20,000	\$ 1.7550	
	VINELAND	NJ	20,000	\$ 1.7550	
003	VINELAND	NJ	40,000	\$ 1.7550	*
004	JOHNSON CITY	TN	14,800	\$ 1.7550	*
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	25 , 200	\$ 1.7550	*
005	ASHLAND	VA	21,600	\$ 1.7550	*
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	18,400	\$ 1.7550	*
006	DANVILLE	VA	20,000	\$ 1.7550	*
	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	20,000	\$ 1.7550	
007	ASHLAND	VA	13,600	\$ 1.7550	
	NORFOLK	VA	26,400	\$ 1.7550	
008	MADISON HEIGHTS	VA	16,800	\$ 1.7550	
	SUFFOLK	VA	23,200	\$ 1.7550	
010	NEWPORT	MN	40,000	\$ 1.7400	*
013	MCALESTER	OK	40,000	\$ 1.7400	*
014	GRAND PRAIRIE	TX	40,000	\$ 1.7400	
015	HOUSTON	TX	80,000	\$ 1.7400	*

TOTAL AWARDED: 480,000

*NOTE--PRODUCT MUST BE PRODUCED FROM LIGHT FOWL (4.5 POUNDS OR LESS) MEAT.

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